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**OPA Daily Digest for 4/21/15**

#### **Upcoming EPA Region 7 Events by Division**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**RA:**

**4/29-30/15** – Regional Tribal Operations Committee, Niobara, Neb. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640

**5/2/15** – Village Green Ribbon Cutting Event, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Dave Bryan, 7433

**5/4-6/15** – 2017 EPA Spring Planning Meeting, Washington D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**5/9/15** – River Cleanup Event, Parkville, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**5/11/15** – OECA Visit, Regional Office. Contact: DeAndre Singletary, 7373

**5/13/15** – Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

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**RA/Immediate Office**

None

**Other Events**

**AWMD**

**4/20-22/15** – Annual electronic recycling collection event at the Regional Office, Lenexa, Kan. Contact Jennifer Dawani, x7162.

**4/20-24/15** - Attend the RMP Inspector training, Atlanta, GA. Contact George Hess x7450.

**4/21-23/15** – Host the RRT meeting, St. Charles, Mo. Contact Jodi Harper x 7483.

**4/22/15** - Annual electronic recycling collection event with the Unified Government, Kansas City, Kan. Contact Jennifer Dawani, x7162.

**4/22/15** – Economy, Energy and Environment (E3) program partner meeting, Columbia, Mo. Contact Marcus Rivas, x7669.

**4/23/15** – Economy, Energy and Environment (E3) program partner meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact Marcus Rivas, x7669.

**4/27-30/15** – Support St. Louis Cardinals “Green Week” Activities (booth, green team volunteering, and recognition event), St. Louis, Mo. Contact Jim Callier, x7646.

**4/27-30/15** – Food Recovery Challenge and Green Power Partnership program recruitment, St. Louis, Mo. Contact Jim Callier, x7646.

**5/7/15** – Environmental Education Day multimedia event, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Contact Jim Callier, x7646.

## **CNSL**

**4/23/15** – Iowa Safety Council Conference speaking engagement, Dubuque, Iowa. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

None

## **ECO/EJ**

**4/22/15** – Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

**5/2/2015** – Village Green II Event, Kansas City, Ks. ECO Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094 (AWMD Lead – Amy Algoe-Eakin, 7942)

**5/11/15** – OECA Regional Visit, Lenexa, KS. Contact: Lisa Haugen, 7877

**5/16/15** – Harambee for Health, Kansas City, Missouri. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

## **ENST**

**4/21/15** - Participate in a math and science education and career path panel at St. Mary's University. Contact Brenda Groskinsky, x 7188.

**4/21/15** - NEPA will participate in the Upper Mississippi River, River Resources Forum, meeting via conference call. Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441.

**4/22/15** - NEPA will attend the quarterly Missouri River Agency Coordination Team meeting at the Missouri Department of Conservation office on the campus of the University of Northwest Missouri. Contact: Larry Shepard, 7441.

**4/22/15** - NEPA staff conference call with Region 8 regarding USFWS' MW Wind Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan. Contact: Amber Tucker, 7565.

**4/22/15** - NEPA Staff presentation at an Urban Planning class at the University of Kansas regarding a project their class has been studying this semester (South Lawrence Traffic Way (USACE/FHWA project from mid-2000's)). Contact: Amber Tucker, 7565.

## **PLMG**

None

## **RA/OPA**

**4/22-23/15** – Congressional Courtesy Visits (Sen. Deb Fischer, Sen. Ben Sasse, Reps. Jeff Fortenberry, Brad Ashford, David Young), Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., Council Bluffs, Iowa. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

**4/29-30/15** – Congressional Courtesy Visits (Sen. Joni Ernst, Sen. Charles Grassley, Reps. Rod Blum, David Young, Dave Loebsack), Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

## **SUPR**

**4/21-23/15** – Regional Response Team, St. Charles, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

**4/22/15** – Earth Day Celebration at Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Jeff Weatherford, 636-326-4720

**8/24-27/15** – Marathon Pipeline Table-top Exercise with Region 5 and USCG, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Heath Smith, 636-326-4724

**5/5-7/15** – Vibrant Response DOD Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Scott Hayes, 7670; Ken Buchholz, 7473

**6/2-4/15** – National Removal Managers Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

**8/6-8/15** – LEPC/TERC Conference, Nebraska City, Neb. Contact: John Frey, 7994

## **WWPD**

**4/20-24/15** – Sanitary Survey Training to support Region 7's Direct Implementation Program, Albuquerque, N.M. Contacts: Jay Hua, 7748, Gabrielle Thompson, 7569

**4/22/15** – University of Kansas Environmental Engineering Conference, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**4/26-5/1/15** – Underground Injection Compliance Inspector Training Certification Course at EPA Region 3, Philadelphia, Pa. Contact: Ben Meissner, 7992

**4/28/15** – National Association of Remodeling Industries, Kansas City Chapter, Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule Update Presentation, Merriam, Kan. Contact: Tom Brick, 7913

**4/28-29/15** – Vulnerability Self-Assessment Tool and Water Health and Economic Analysis Tool Training for Water and Waste Water Utilities, Lees Summit, Mo. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

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**5/1-4/15** – River Network River Rally 2015, Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M. Contact: Roberta Vogel-Leutung, 7072

**5/4-8/15** – EPA Pesticide Regulatory Education Program Pollinator Protection and Pesticide Management Course, Portland, Ore. Contact: Matt Willson, 7983

**5/4-7/15** – 4-State Underground Injection Control Program Manager Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact:

Mary Mindrup, 7431

**5/4/15** – EPA Region 6 Area Wide Optimization Program Meeting, Dallas, Texas. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

**5/5-7/15** – 2014 State Revolving Fund Annual Review with Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Sabre Germano, 7026, Nancy Healy, 7713

**5/4-8/15** – EPA Pesticide Regulatory Education Program Pollinator Protection and Pesticide Management Course, Portland, Ore. Contact: Matt Willson, 7983

**5/11-14/15** – Data Managers User Conference for the Safe Drinking Water Information System, Denver, Colo. Contacts: Kim Burr, 7069, Jay Hua, 7748

**5/11-13/15** – Public Hearing on Uranium Ground Water Monitoring Proposed Regulation Under 40 CFR Part 192, Chadron, Neb. Contact: David Garrett, 7159

**5/12/15** – EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention National Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**5/13-14/15** – Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

**5/19-21/15** – EPA FIFRA/TSCA Enforcement Managers Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa. Contacts: Jamie Green, 7139, Royan Teter, 7609

**6/2-4/15** – National EPA Underground Injection Control Program Managers Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Mary Mindrup, 7431

**Congressional Inquiries:**

**Rep. Jeff Fortenberry** (Neb.) – Email – 4/21/15: Question about the Clean Water Rule and use of streams on private land. Due: 4/22/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Tim Huelskamp** (Kan.) – Phone inquiry – 4/21/15: City of Concordia requests an environmental impact study for a proposed telecommunications tower. Due: 4/22/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Charles Grassley** (Iowa) – Letter – 4/16/15: Concerns about the city of Calmar's wastewater treatment facility and discharges. Due: 4/30/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Charles Grassley** (Iowa) – Letter – 4/7/15: Constituent complaints about air pollution from Climax Molybdenum in Fort Madison. Due: 4/21/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Ann Wagner** (Mo.) – Letter – 3/27/15: Inquiry about the removal action and ongoing health concerns at the Ellisville Superfund Site. Due: 4/13/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Sen. Roy Blunt** (Mo.) – Email – 3/25/15: Inquiry about the removal action and ongoing health concerns at the Ellisville Superfund Site. Due: 4/8/15. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**State Government Inquiries:**

None

**Press Inquiries:**

None

**Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

#### **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

#### **Environmental Stories:**

**KMOX Radio - Fresh Call for Total Removal of Nuclear Waste in Bridgeton** - 4/21/15 - A longtime leader of the environmental movement in St. Louis is calling for the total removal of all nuclear waste from the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton. Eighty-two-year-old Kay Drey says people – and politicians – are forgetting that this is a regional threat to our drinking water.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2015/04/21/fresh-call-for-total-removal-of-nuclear-waste-in-bridgeton/>

**Missourinet - Missouri Congressional delegation campaigns to ditch the EPA's "Waters of the U.S." rule** - 4/21/15 - Some of Missouri's Congressional delegation are fighting to get the Environmental Protection Agency's "Waters of the U.S." rule withdrawn. West-central Missouri Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler and East-central Missouri Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer are co-sponsors of a bill targeting rule that backers say protects the nation's water resources.

<http://www.missourinet.com/2015/04/21/missouri-congressional-delegation-campaigns-to-ditch-the-epas-waters-of-the-u-s-rule/>

**KRCG-TV, Ch. 13, New Bloomfield, Mo. - Hartzler says EPA must respect local water regulations** - 4/20/15 - Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler told reporters Monday she considered proposed revisions to the Clean Water Act a land grab.

<http://www.connectmidmissouri.com/news/story.aspx?id=1193973#.VTZLPZOE0-Y>

**WRAL-TV, Raleigh, N.C. - EPA rule plan splits House GOP** - 4/20/15 - The state House Monday night

approved a proposal to begin planning for new federal rules governing carbon dioxide emissions but not without a minor revolt by more ideological Republicans who said the bill is a capitulation to "tyranny."

<http://www.wral.com/epa-rule-plan-splits-house-gop/14595201/>

**Grist - Here are 4 big pollution problems EPA has (mostly) fixed already** - 4/21/15 - Acid rain. Toxic leaded gas fumes. Dangerous DDT. Rampant air pollution. These environmental challenges once seemed impossible to meet, and they put our nation's air, water, and land at risk — not to mention our families' health. The dangers they posed were real, but you probably haven't heard about them in a while. There's a good reason for that: We put smart policies in place to fix them.

<http://grist.org/article/here-are-4-big-pollution-problems-epa-has-mostly-fixed-already/>

**FOX Business- Environmentalists contest EPA's decision to allow 9 more states to use new herbicide version** - 4/20/2015 - Environmentalists are contesting the federal government's decision to allow more widespread use of a new version of a popular weed killer to be used on genetically modified corn and soybeans.

<http://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/2015/04/20/environmentalists-contest-epa-decision-to-allow-more-states-to-use-new/>

**St. Louis Public Radio - Franklin County to consider relaxing landfill restrictions; might pave way for Ameren project** - 4/20/15 - A set of proposed amendments to zoning restrictions in Franklin County may pave the way for Ameren to build the coal ash landfill they've been pushing for since 2009, despite environmental concerns from residents.

<http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/franklin-county-consider-relaxing-landfill-restrictions-might-pave-way-ameren-project>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - St. John gets rid of smelly situation** - 4/21/2015 - Officials found the cause of an unpleasant odor in the city and after a call to the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, the smell is gone.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/st-john-gets-rid-of-smelly-situation/article\\_bb7d02b8-237e-532a-9b41-6782544f85c1.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/st-john-gets-rid-of-smelly-situation/article_bb7d02b8-237e-532a-9b41-6782544f85c1.html)

**Digital Journal - EPA may recommend testing foods for glyphosate residues** - 4/21/15 - Perhaps bowing to public concerns over the safety of the active ingredient, glyphosate, in Monsanto's Roundup, the Environmental Protection Agency is considering asking the federal government to test foods for glyphosate residue.

<http://www.digitaljournal.com/news/environment/epa-may-recommend-testing-foods-for-glyphosate-residues/article/431352>

**Washington Examiner - Environmental Protection Agency may take over some Virgin Island programs** - 4/21/15 - Environmental Protection Agency officials may take control of some mismanaged U.S. Virgin Islands environmental programs that allowed issues such as bacteria-infected drinking water, a government watchdog reported.

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/environmental-protection-agency-may-take-over-some-virgin-island-programs/article/2563381>

**Connect Mid-Missouri - Hartzler says EPA must respect local water regulations** - 4/21/15 - Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler told reporters Monday she considered proposed revisions to the Clean Water Act a land grab. Hartzler and fellow GOP Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer joined with representatives of Missouri's agricultural industry to promote legislation meant to block a planned EPA rule change.

<http://www.connectmidmissouri.com/news/story.aspx?id=1193973#.VTaa0yG6fcs>

**Argus Media - Coal plants await EPA mercury rule waivers** - 4/21/15 - Coal-fired power plants in Kansas and Oklahoma are waiting to find out if they will get more time to comply with federal rules limiting mercury emissions, an extension their owners say is urgently needed to protect grid reliability.

<http://www.argusmedia.com/News/Article?id=1025867>

**KIOW Radio (Forest City, Iowa) - Grassley Wants Better Farming Policies** - 4/21/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking to secure regulatory authority over water bodies that have at best a tangential link to "navigable" waterways, such as isolated ponds, dry streambeds or drainage ditches. If approved, would farmers need costly and time consuming permits before making repairs or improvements in these areas? This EPA power grab is causing a lot of unnecessary uncertainty. It's about as helpful as plowing water.

<http://kiow.com/2015/04/21/grassley-wants-better-farming-policies/>

**Inside Climate News - EPA's Clean Power Plan Will Create Quarter-Million Jobs** - 4/21/15 - The Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to crack down on carbon pollution from power plants would create more than a quarter of a million additional jobs, according to a new analysis by economists using a trusted, sophisticated model.

<http://insideclimatenews.org/carbon-copy/21042015/epa-clean-power-plan-will-create-quarter-million-jobs>

**Food Safety News - EPA May Recommend Testing Food Products for Common Herbicide** - 4/21/15 -

According to a media report on Monday, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering recommending that the federal government sample food products for glyphosate, the most commonly used herbicide in the world and the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2015/04/epa-may-recommend-testing-food-products-for-common-herbicide/#.VTadjyG6fcs>

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